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SUBJECT: ZACCAGNINI QUESTIONS COMMUNIST BONA FIDES

1. IN MAY 2 SPEECH AT SALERNO, DC SECRETARY ZACCAGNINI ADDRESSED PROBLEM OF COMMUNIST ENTRY INTO GOVERNMENT AND QUESTIONED PCI WILLINGNESS TO OBSERVE RULES OF DEMOCRATIC GAME. CALLING COMMUNISTS THE ONLY REAL ALTERNATIVE TO THE DC, ZACCAGNINI SPECIFIED THAT HE WOULD NOT OBJECT IN PRINCIPLE TO IDEA OF A PCI GOVERNMENT IF HE COULD BE SURE THEY WOULD LEAVE POWER IF VOTED OUT. HOWEVER, HE SAID, "I AM PERSUADED THAT THIS WOULD BE A STREET OF NO RETURN."

2. ZACCAGNINI CRITICIZED COMMUNIST REFUSAL TO ACCEPT ROLE OFFERED BY DC (IN LINE WITH LA MALFA PROPOSAL) TO CONTRIBUTE TO SOLUTION OF NATION'S PROBLEMS WITHOUT "CONFUSING ROLES OF MAJORITY AND MINORITY." HE ALSO CALLED FOR SOLIDARITY OF ALL "DEMOCRATIC PARTIES" (INCLUDING PCI) IN FACE OF "STRATEGY OF TENSION" WHICH,
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HE IMPLIED, WAS LINKED AT LEAST IN PART WITH "ANARCO-

RADICAL EXTREMISM."

3. COMMENT: WHILE SPEECH WAS NOT PARTICULARLY "ANTI-COMMUNIST" FOR A DC SECRETARY ON EVE OF TOUGH ELECTION CAMPAIGN, IT DID EMPAHSIZE DC OPPOSITION TO A PCI ROLE IN GOVERNMENT. ANTI-COMMUNIST THEME LIKELY TO BECOME MORE EXPLICIT AS CAMPAIGN PROCEEDS AND CENTER-RIGHT DC LEADERS GET INTO ACT.VOLPE

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